

# Exhibit J - January 7, 2022 Search Warrant

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LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

**APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT**

Event #: 211100073200

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ELECTRONIC SEAL (NRS 1.190(3)) ) ss:

**COUNTY OF CLARK )**

Jarrold Grimmer, P# 7056, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the affiant herein and is a Detective with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) presently assigned to the Homicide. That he has been employed with the LVMPD for the past 20 years and has been assigned to the Homicide for the past 5 years.

There is probable cause to believe that certain property hereinafter described will be found at the following described premises, to-wit: **1. 3050 S. Nellis Boulevard, Apartment #1125, Las Vegas, Nevada, in the Boulevard Apartments. Further described as a two-story, multi-family apartment complex. The structure has a gray and tan colored stucco exterior. Apartment #1125 is in the northwest portion of the complex on the ground level. The numbers 1125 are black in color, on a white placard, located eye level east of the brown colored, north facing front door;**

**2. Any and all persons located at/within the premise to be searched during the service of this search warrant.**

The property referred to and sought to be seized consists of the following:

- 1. Any and all firearms.**
- 2. Firearms related paraphernalia to include ammunition, cartridge cases, holsters, magazines, gun boxes, gun parts, paperwork, and/or cleaning kits.**

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**3. Cellular phones.**

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**4. Any and all electronic surveillance equipment to include DVR systems, computer hard drives, and actual surveillance video from the residence of 3050 S. Nellis Boulevard, Apartment #1125, Las Vegas Nevada 89121.**

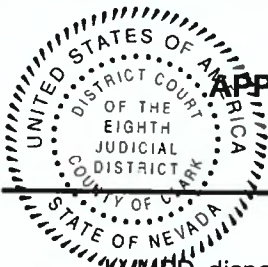
**5. Clothing**

**6. Limited articles of personal property which would tend to establish the identity of persons in control of said premises, which items of property would consist in part of and include, but not limited to papers, documents, and effects which tend to show possession, dominion, and control over said premises, including but not limited to keys, canceled mail envelopes, rental agreements and receipts, utility and telephone bills, prescription bottles, vehicle registration, vehicle repairs and gas receipts. Items which tend to show evidence of motive and/or the identity of the perpetrator such as photographs and undeveloped film, insurance policies and letters, address and telephone records, diaries, governmental notices, whether such items are written, typed, or stored on computer disc. Objects which bear a person's name, phone number or address.**

The property hereinbefore described constitutes evidence which tends to demonstrate that the criminal offense of **Murder** has been committed.

In support of your affiant's assertion to constitute the existence of probable cause, the following facts are offered: On November 18, 2021, at approximately 0249 hours,

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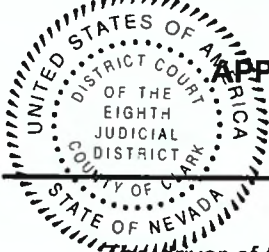
LVMPD dispatch received a 9-1-1 call from Sam's Town Hotel and Casino Security Officers, reporting a person was shot. Patrol officers and medical personnel were dispatched to the scene at 5111 Boulder Highway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Upon arrival Patrol Officers and located a black male adult, later identified as Nicolas Thomas with apparent gunshot wound to the shoulder. Medical personnel arrived and transported Nicolas Thomas to Sunrise Hospital where Nicolas succumbed to his injury and was pronounced deceased.

Patrol Investigation Detectives arrived and determined further investigation from the Homicide Section was warranted. Homicide Sergeant Scott was notified and arrived on scene with Detectives Deeds, Solano, Grimmert. Detective Sanborn responded to Sunrise Hospital. Homicide Detectives received a briefing from Patrol Officer Colon Saldivar. Detective Grimmert was assigned the responsibility of documenting the scene with crime scene analysts, Detectives Deeds and Solano were assigned to interview available witnesses. Detective Sanborn documented the decedent at the Sunrise Hospital.

During an interview and review of Sam's Town Hotel and Casino surveillance, it was determined Nicolas Thomas was shot while seated at a bus stop near the intersection of Nellis Boulevard and Boulder Highway. Homicide Detectives obtained video surveillance from nearby businesses and discovered an SUV arrived in the area at approximately 0244 hours. The vehicle appeared to be occupied by at least three unknown persons. Two of those persons, both black males with a thin build, exited the vehicle and approached the bus stop and initiated verbal contact with Nicolas Thomas.

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The driver of the vehicle repositioned the vehicle south of the bus stop and appeared to  
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Homicide Detective Grimmert and Sanborn reviewed the surveillance footage obtained from Chase Bank located near the intersection. The vehicle appeared to be an older, smaller SUV, possibly a Kia Sportage. As the vehicle repositioned, the driver's side rear brake light illuminated much brighter than the passenger side rear, indicative of the taillight being cracked or broken.

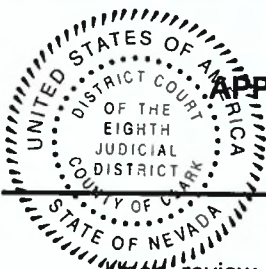
Without any apparent provocation, Thomas was shot by one of the black males. The suspects ran back toward the vehicle and fled in the SUV southbound on Nellis Boulevard. Thomas ran toward the Sam's Town Hotel and Casino for help, reported to security he had been shot and collapsed on the casino floor.

On November 19, 2021, an autopsy was performed on the body of the decedent, Nicolas Thomas, by Clark County Medical Examiner Doctor Timothy Dutra. During the autopsy, a small caliber projectile was removed from the body of Thomas and was deemed the cause of his demise. Doctor Dutra determined the cause of death was a gunshot wound and the manner of death was ruled a homicide.

On December 21, 2021, LVMPD Detectives were contacted by Janetta Rembert who requested to speak with Detectives. Homicide Detectives Grimmert and Solano met with Janetta at LVMPD Headquarters and conducted a recorded interview. On December 10, 2021, Janetta reviewed a LVMPD media release regarding the shooting. The media release contained a small clip of the surveillance footage obtained from Chase Bank.



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Upon review of the surveillance footage, Janetta immediately recognized one of the suspects as her stepson, Wattsel Rembert [REDACTED] LVMPD ID#8199165. Janetta

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contacted several other family members who reviewed the footage, and all concluded it was Wattsel. Janetta contacted Wattsel and confronted Wattsel about his involvement in the shooting. Wattsel was with a friend known as CJ and while speaking with Janetta, Wattsel advised CJ, they were captured on video surveillance, thus admitting involvement. As the conversation concluded, Wattsel stated he wouldn't be caught.

Janetta also provided directions to Wattsel's place of residence with the Boulevard Apartment located at 3050 S. Nellis Boulevard. Janetta explained Wattsel is believed to share the residence with CJ and several other armed, recreational drug users. Detectives Grimmatt and Solano followed the directions and identified the place of residence at 3050 S. Nellis Boulevard, Apartment #1125.

Homicide Detective Solano conducted a search of LVMPD records and identified Corvell Jeremiah Fisher [REDACTED] ID#8173081 as a close associate of Wattsel's. LVMPD records also revealed Corvell was known to use the moniker CJ.

Janetta also provided Facebook profile names for Wattsel (Kodak Blacc) and Corvell (Cj Dagreat). As recent as December 10, 2021, Corvell posted a video of him holding what appears to be an assault rifle.

Detective Grimmatt also learned Wattsel and several others were involved in a shooting under investigation by Gang Detective Edgar Nahum. Detective Nahum reported Wattsel and several others fired several rounds at a vehicle after being involved in a traffic

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accident on December 18, 2021.

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Your affiant believes the service of a search warrant at the residence would likely lead to the discovery of the identity of the black males associated with Wattsel, the possibly the recovery of the weapon used in the commission of the murder.

Your affiant further states this search warrant is not a no-knock search warrant as defined by SB50 Section 1.9.

A nighttime service of this Search Warrant would allow officers to reduce the risk of injury to both the suspect alleged herein, as well as the officers and detectives engaged in said execution, by using the cover of darkness to disguise law enforcement activities. It should also be noted, Apartment 1125 is embedded within the Boulevard Apartment Complex. Later in the evening or during the early morning hours there would be a lower amount of citizen's outside, which would also reduce the risk of injury to those citizens in the surrounding area. Your affiant prays that this warrant authorizes a search of the suspect premise at any hour of the day or night. This is not a no-knock warrant.

Your affiant requests that this affidavit be sealed as this investigation involves an active and ongoing investigation which may lead to a loss of evidence and contamination of integrity of the criminal investigation.

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WHEREFORE, affiant requests that a Search Warrant be issued directing a search for  
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ELECTRONIC SEAL (NRS 1190.31) and seizure of the aforementioned items at the location set forth herein anytime day or  
night

/s/ Jarrod Grimmatt P#7056

Detective Jarrod Grimmatt, AFFIANTSubscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 2022

Dated this 7th day of January, 2022

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Michael Villani  
District Court Judge

Pam Weckerly

Approved by:



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**SEARCH WARRANT**

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 COUNTY OF CLARK )  
 ELECTRONIC SEAL (NRS 1.190(5))

The State of Nevada, to any Peace Officer in the County of Clark. Proof by Affidavit having been made before me by Detective Jarrod Grimmert, P# 7056, said Affidavit attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, that there is probable cause to believe that certain property, namely

- 1. Any and all firearms.**
- 2. Firearms related paraphernalia to include ammunition, cartridge cases, holsters, magazines, gun boxes, gun parts, paperwork, and/or cleaning kits.**
- 3. Cellular phones.**
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***gas receipts. Items which tend to show evidence of motive and/or the identity of the perpetrator such as photographs and undeveloped film, insurance policies and letters, address and telephone records, diaries, governmental notices, whether such items are written, typed, or stored on computer disc. Objects which bear a person's name, phone number or address.***

*presently located at:*

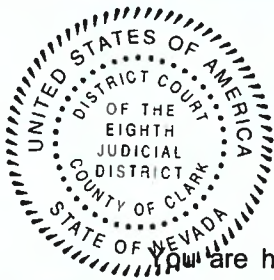
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And as I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that said property is located as set forth above and that based upon the affidavit attached hereto there are sufficient grounds for the issuance of the Search Warrant. Furthermore, I acknowledge this is not a no-knock search warrant as defined by SB50 Section 1.9.

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You are hereby commanded to search forthwith said premises for said property, serving this warrant anytime day or night, and if the property is there to seize it, prepare a written inventory of the property seized, and make a return for me within ten days.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2022

Dated this 7th day of January, 2022

                      
JUDGE

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Michael Villani  
District Court Judge

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IN RE: SEARCH WARRANT for )

ORDER SEALING  
AFFIDAVIT
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 3050 S. Nellis Boulevard, Apartment #1125  
 Las Vegas, Nevada 89121  
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Upon the ex parte application of Detective Jarrod Grimmert, a commissioned officer with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and Affiant, to seal the Affidavit in support of the attached Search Warrant, and for good cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Affidavit in support of the attached Search Warrant be ordered sealed pending further order of this Court except that copies may be provided to the office of the Clark County District Attorney and the District Attorney may provide copies to a Defendant in a criminal proceeding as part of the criminal discovery process, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED a copy of this order sealing the Affidavit be left at the premises along with the Search Warrant in lieu of the Affidavit in support of the Warrant.

DATED this 7th day of January, 2022.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2022

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 Michael Villani  
 District Court Judge

/s/ Jarrod Grimmert P#7056

AFFIANT